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1. WITH INDIA, JAPAN, TRINIDAD-TOBAGO ADDED AS CO-
SPONSORS LISTED REFTEL FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
THE AGENDA (ORGANIZATION) AND CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES
WAS APPROVED BY COORDINATION COMMITTEE WITHOUT OBJECTION
AND UNANIMOUSLY.

QUOTE. THE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE
COUNCIL ADOPT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION:
AGENDA AND CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EXPANSION OF THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL
AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIELDS FOR WHICH POLICY GUIDANCE AND
CO-ORDINATION BY THE COUNCIL IS REQUIRED AS CONFERRED UPON
IT BY THE CHARTER,
HAVING IN MIND THE INCREASED MEMBERSHIP OF THE
SESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND THE FORTHCOMING INCREASE IN THE
MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL ITSELF,
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NOTING WITH CONCERN THE RAPIDLY GROWING NUMBER OF

ITEMS ON THE AGENDAS OF ITS RECENT SESSIONS, AND THAT THIS HAS RESULTED IN INCOMPLETE OR POSTPONED CONSIDERATION OF SOME ITEMS, CONVINCED THAT THE STREAMLINING OF THE COUNCIL'S PROGRAMME OF WORK AND AGENDA IS ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A MORE RATIONAL CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND REDUCE THE VOLUME OF DOCUMENTATION BEYOND THE MEASURES ALREADY RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNCIL, AND TO ENHANCE THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE AND FUNCTIONS, RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 1623 (LI) AND 1768 (LIV) ON THE RATIONALIZATION OF ITS WORK,

1. DECIDES TO CONCENTRATE ITS ATTENTION AT FUTURE SESSIONS ON A LIMITED NUMBER OF CAREFULLY SELECTED MAJOR POLICY ISSUES TO BE STUDIED IN DEPTH WITH A VIEW TO ELABORATING CONCRETE ACTION-ORIENTED RECOMMENDATIONS;

2. REQUESTS ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPETENCES, IN EXAMINING THE ISSUES OF THEIR AGENDA AND REPORTING THEREON TO THE COUNCIL, TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ORIENTATION OF THE COUNCIL'S WORK APPROVED IN RESOLUTION 1768 (LIV) AND TO HIGHLIGHT ONLY THOSE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON WHICH ACTION IS REQUIRED BY THE COUNCIL, THUS ENABLING IT TO EXPEDITE ITS DISCUSSIONS AND CONCENTRATE ON TAKING APPROPRIATE DECISIONS;

3. DECIDES FURTHER THAT, SAVE FOR THE BIENNIAL CONSIDERATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET AND THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN AND IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE URGENT MATTERS HAVE ARISEN AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF WORK AT ITS ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS IN JANUARY, THE SESSIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE SHALL NOT MEET AT THE COUNCIL'S FIRST REGULAR SESSION AND THE SESSIONAL SOCIAL COMMITTEE SHALL NOT MEET AT ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION;

4. REQUESTS FURTHER THESE SECRETARY-GENERAL, WHEN PREPARING THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE YEAR TO ARRANGE THE AGENDA ITEMS IN AN INTEGRATED MANNER, SO THAT SIMILAR AND UNCLASSIFIED

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CONNECTED ISSUES CAN BE DISCUSSED IN ONE DEBATE AND UNDER A SINGLE HEADING;

5. AUTHORIZES ITS BUREAU TO PREPARE ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS, IN CONSULTATION WITH MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS SESSIONAL COMMITTEES, AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SECRETARIAT, A LIST OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF MAJOR POLICY ISSUES AND OTHER MAJOR ITEMS, AIMING AT NOT MORE

THAN FIFTEEN PER SESSION FOR THE COUNCIL'S PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1974, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS IN JANUARY 1974.

6. DECIDES TO CONSIDER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AMENDING ITS RULES OF PROCEDURE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR REPRESENTATION OF ALL REGIONAL GROUPS IN ITS BUREAU. END QUOTE.

2. MAJOR PART OF DISCUSSION REVOLVED AROUND QUESTION OF WHETHER BUREAU SHOULD CONSULT "WHERE POSSIBLE, THROUGH THE REGIONAL GROUPS" (PARA 5). NEW ZEALAND, CANADA AND KENYA TOOK PARTICULARLY STRONG LINE THAT CONCEPT OF CONSULTATION THROUGH REGIONAL GROUPS HAD NEVER BEEN ACCEPTED IN ECOSOC AS A METHOD OF PROCEDURE AS IT HAD IN UNCTAD. IT WAS URGED THAT THIS CONCEPT NOT BE ENSHRINED IN A RESOLUTION. FINLAND AND NETHERLANDS AS CO-SPONSORS AGREED. HOWEVER WERE BOUND BY POLAND, SUPPORTED BY USSR, WHO PERSISTED. US ALTHOUGH FEELING STRONGLY THAT ECOSOC SHOULD BE KEPT FREE FROM CONCRETE REGIONAL CBLOCK CONSULTATIONS DID NOT INTERVENE SINCE IT APPEARED OUR DESIRED OUTCOME WOULD BE ACHIEVED.

3. IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT BASIC PROBLEM WITH EES WAS FACT THAT THEY NOT REPRESENTED ON THE BUREAU THIS YEAR. THEREFORE COMPROMISE SOLUTION OF A INCLUDING PARA 6 ABOVE WAS WELCOMED BY ALL, EXCEPT CHINESE WHO RESERVED RIGHT IF NECESSARY TO SPEAK TO THE ISSUE IN PLENARY.BASSIN

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